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Minutes of the Community Services Committee

Meeting 6

Thursday, September 15, 2005

The Community Services Committee met on Thursday, September 15, 2005, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:38 a.m.

Members Present:

9:38 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.

Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair	x
Councillor Gay Cowbourne, Vice-Chair	x
Councillor Raymond Cho	x
Councillor Olivia Chow	x
Councillor Mike Feldman	x
Councillor Norm Kelly	x
Councillor Jane Pitfield	x
Councillor David Shiner	x

Members were present for some or all of the time period indicated.

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Minutes of the meetings of the Community Services Committee held June 29, 2005, were confirmed.

6.1 Transfer of the Corporate Emergency Management Capital Program

The Community Services Committee considered a report (July 18, 2005) from Fareed M. Amin, Deputy City Manager, recommending the close-out of completed Emergency Management projects and transfer of the HUSAR Facility project in the Corporate Emergency Management Capital Program to the Fire Services Capital Program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the actuals and budget for capital project No. CPM003 HUSAR/CBRN Facility be transferred from the Corporate Emergency Management Program to the Fire Services Capital Program;
- (2) the remaining projects within the Corporate Emergency Management Capital

Program be closed in 2006, subject to any carry forward requirements necessary to complete the projects; and

- (3) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2006 Capital Budget process.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Community Services Committee referred the report (July 18, 2005) from Fareed M. Amin, Deputy City Manager, to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration at its meeting on September 16, 2005.

(Budget Advisory Committee – September 15, 2005)

Report 7, Clause 12(a)

6.2 Request for Sole Source for MSA Canada Inc. for Supply of Upgrade Kits for Existing Toronto Fire Services Breathing Apparatus

The Community Services Committee considered a report (September 1, 2005) from the Fire Chief and General Manager requesting City Council approval for a sole source purchase for the supply of upgrade kits for existing Toronto Fire Services breathing apparatus, related supplies and annual maintenance.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the sole source request for MSA Canada Inc. in the amount of \$401,086.00, excluding taxes, for the purchase of breathing apparatus upgrade kits, be approved;
- (2) the Fire Services be authorized to enter into a sole source annual contract with MSA Canada Inc., for the supply and delivery of MSA breathing apparatus components, maintenance and related supplies, high pressure air cylinders and carbon monoxide gas detectors in the amount of approximately \$200,000.00 per year until 2012, the expected replacement year of the breathing apparatus, subject to budget approval; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Cowbourne, the Community Services Community

recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (September 1, 2005) from the Fire Chief and General Manager.

Report 7, Clause 1

6.3 Computers for Children Project

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 31, 2005) from the General Manager, Children's Services, outlining the successful implementation of the Computers for Children Project.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

The General Manager, Children's Services, gave a presentation to the Community Services Committee.

Councillor Janet Davis, Beaches-East York, addressed the Community Services Committee.

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Community Services Committee received the presentation and the report (August 31, 2005) from the General Manager, Children's Services, for information.

Report 7, Clause 12(b)

6.4 Best Start Network, Terms of Reference and Allocations to the City of Toronto

The Community Services Committee considered the following:

- (i) report (August 31, 2005) from the General Manager, Children's Services, providing information on funding allocation to the City of Toronto under Best Start; seeking approval to amend the Children's Services 2005 Operating and Capital Budgets; outlining the composition of the Best Start Network; and seeking approval for its Terms of Reference.

Recommendations:

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It is recommended that:

- (1) Council approve additional expenditures of \$25.4044 million fully funded by the Province of Ontario as set out in the City's Child Care Service Plan and in accordance with the Best Start guidelines;
 - (2) the General Manager of Children's Services report to Community Services Committee on the updated Child Care Service Plan and Best Start Transition Plan to increase licensed child care spaces;
 - (3) the 2005 Children's Services Approved Operating Budget be increased by \$25.4044 million gross offset by additional Provincial Revenues;
 - (4) any under-spending in the annual provincial allocation will be included in the subsequent years Preliminary Estimates for Children's Services and reported to Budget Advisory Committee and Policy and Finance Committee through the Final Year and 1st Quarter Variance reports;
 - (5) Council approve a new Capital project for 2005, entitled Best Start totalling \$20.5125 million that is fully funded by the Province of Ontario for the purpose of increasing child care spaces;
 - (6) the General Manager of Children Services report to Community Services Committee on details related to Best Start Capital Project and the Best Start Infrastructure Plan once identified;
 - (7) the Draft Terms of Reference for the Best Start Network attached as Appendix 1 be approved in principle;
 - (8) authority be granted to negotiate Best Start capital project development funding agreements between the City and the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Toronto District School Board of up to \$200,000.00, from provincial funds provided for Best Start planning, for the period ending December 31,2006; and
 - (9) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- (ii) communication (September 14, 2005) from Julie Mathien, Policy Development Officer, Social Development and Administration, addressed to Councillor Chow

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providing information regarding school-age child care (for children aged 6-12) in Toronto; and

(iii) Motion submitted by Councillor Chow:

“WHEREAS Council has adopted the recommendation from the Mayor's Roundtable for Children, Youth and Education “The Best Generation Yet” at its meeting of July 19, 20, 21, and 26, 2005 and recommended that a new model for serving 6-12 year olds during out of school hours be developed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Managers of Children Services and Parks, Forestry and Recreation Divisions report to the Policy and Finance Committee on how the care and recreation needs of school age children can be met, and on how the funds that are allocated in the 2005 budget in the Social Services Reserve Fund to enhance childcare can be used for such purpose; and

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this matter also be referred to the Mayor's Roundtable on Children and Youth for further consideration.

The General Manager, Children's Services, gave a presentation to the Community Services Committee.

Councillor Janet Davis, Beaches-East York, addressed the Community Services Committee.

The Community Services Committee:

(I) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 31, 2005) from the General Manager, Children's Services, subject to amending Appendix 1 by adding the Coalition for Better Childcare to the Membership of the Expanded Best Start Network, and that:

(Motion by Councillor Mihevc)

(1) the Best Start funding and resources be allocated to assist in the development of parent-run, not-for-profit childcare;

(Motion by Councillor Cowbourne on behalf of Councillor Davis)

(2) when developing the capital investment plan, the General Manager, Children's Services:

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- (i) examine the opportunities for developing city-owned and/or operated facilities; and

(Motion by Councillor Cowbourne on behalf of Councillor Davis)

- (ii) investigate long-term lease opportunities with renewal clauses to guarantee the use of the space for as long as it is needed for child care; and

(Motion by Councillor Shiner)

- (3) this matter also be referred to the Mayor's Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education for further consideration; and

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (II) requested the General Manager, Children's Services, to:

- (a) report back to the Community Services Committee on the details of the program;

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (b) submit a report to the November 2005, meeting of the Community Services Committee on the child care model or system in Quebec and compare it to the Toronto model and how the projected gap between the Quebec and Toronto models will be widened over five and ten years' time if the gap exists at the present time;

(Motion by Councillor Cho)

- (c) report to the Policy and Finance Committee in October 2005, on how the care and recreation needs of school age children (ages 6 to 12) can be met, and on how the funds that are allocated in the 2005 budget in the Social Services Reserve Fund to enhance childcare can be used for such purpose; and

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (d) consult with the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation on ways to ensure that services are provided to all children in need.

(Motion by Councillor Shiner)

(Policy and Finance Committee; c: General Manager, Children's Services –
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Report 7, Clause 12(c)

6.5 Request for a Sole Source Full Maintenance Contract with Selco Elevator Ltd. for Servicing of the Elevators at True Davidson Acres for the Period December 1 2005 until March 31, 2008

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 10, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, explaining the recent difficulties that were encountered in elevator reliability at True Davidson Acres and the solutions achieved; and requesting approval for a sole source full maintenance contract with Selco Elevator Ltd., ('Selco') to service elevators for the period of time from December 1, 2005 until March 31, 2008.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) a sole source full service contract be awarded, by amending the existing contract with Selco Elevator Ltd., for True Davidson Acres for the period of time December 1, 2005, until March 31, 2008, at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.00, including all applicable taxes;
- (2) future Requests For Quotations for elevator maintenance separate healthcare facilities, such as the Homes for the Aged, from all other City-owned commercial facilities as the service requirements in these operations differ significantly; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto

Councillor Janet Davis, Beaches-East York, addressed the Community Services Committee.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee:

- (I) recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in

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the Recommendations Section of the report (August 10, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged; and

- (II) requested the:
- (1) General Manager, Homes for the Aged, to submit a report to the Community Services Committee by November 2005, providing recommendations on ways to better deal with the maintenance of elevators in the City's Homes for the Aged and outlining the difficulties this contract has caused for residents in our buildings, such report to include the number of service calls in 2004 and the number of elevators that were out of service for more than 1 day and for more than 1 week;
 - (2) General Manager, Purchasing and Materials Management, in consultation with all Divisions that have buildings with elevators, to submit a report to the Administration Committee by November 2005, on:
 - (i) better methods to maintain the City's elevators; and
 - (ii) providing information on the number of service calls in 2004 and the number of elevators that were out of service for more than 1 day and for more than 1 week.

(General Manager, Homes for the Aged; General Manager, Purchasing and Materials Management; c: Administrator, Administration Committee – September 15, 2005)

Report 7, Clause 3

6.6 Request to Amend and Continue Services with Key Music Therapy Through Sole Source Agreement – Contract No. 47010216

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 10, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, requesting authority to amend and continue Contract No. 47010216 with Key Music Therapy as a Sole Source supplier to provide specialized

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music therapy for residents of the Homes for the Aged, to improve their level of responsiveness and interaction with the environment and thereby enhance their quality of life.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Sole Source agreement Contract No. 47010216 with Key Music Therapy be increased to an annual amount of \$242,130.00 in each of 2005 and 2006, and the term of the contract be extended until December 31, 2006; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect to this one time approval.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 10, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged.

Report 7, Clause 4

6.7 Amendment to Contract for Provision of Laundry Services - Lakeshore Laundry and Linen Concept Ltd.

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 11, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, requesting authorization to amend the contract with Lakeshore Laundry and Linen Concept Ltd. to show a change in plant location; and informing Council that effective June 16, 2005, there was a change in the ownership of Lakeshore Laundry and Linen Concept Ltd.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the City's contract for the provision of laundry services to the Homes for the Aged by Lakeshore Laundry and Linen Concept Ltd. be amended to show the relocation of

their laundering operation by changing the definition of the term “Facility” from 795 Middlefield Road, Toronto, to 6580 Northwest Drive, Mississauga; and

- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Cowbourne, the Community Services Committee recommended that:

- (1) City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 11, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged; and
- (2) before the next contract for the provision of laundry services goes to tender, the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, investigate laundry facilities within the City of Toronto that are capable of handling the requirements of the Homes for the Aged and ensure that those companies each receive RFQ information at the appropriate time.

Report 7, Clause 5

6.8 Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Approval of the New Convalescent Care Program at Castlevue Wychwood Towers, Fudger House and Kipling Acres

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 22, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, advising that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) has approved three of the City’s Homes for the Aged to be designated as and receive additional funding for the new Convalescent Care Program.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information by the Community Services Committee.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Community Services Committee received the report (August 22, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, for information.

Report 7, Clause 12(d)

6.9 Grounds Maintenance at Various Homes for the Aged – Follow-Up Report

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 10, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, responding to the questions raised by the Community Services Committee at its meeting of March 9, 2005, on grounds maintenance services at the City's Homes for the Aged prior to issuing an RFQ for 2006.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Community Services Committee received the report (August 10, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, for information.

Report 7, Clause 12(e)

6.10 Accreditation Report, Kipling Acres

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (August 26, 2005) from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged advising that the Advisory Committee on August 26, 2005, adopted the report (August 18, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, respecting the positive results of the survey conducted at Kipling Acres by the Canadian Council on Health Care Services Accreditation on June 12 to 15, 2005, and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

On motion by Councillor Feldman, the Community Services Committee received the communication (August 26, 2005) from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged and congratulated the management, staff and volunteers of Kipling Acres on this accreditation award.

(General Manager, Homes for the Aged – September 15, 2005)

Report 7, Clause 12(f)

6.11 Accreditation Report, Lakeshore Lodge

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (August 26, 2005) from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged advising that the Advisory Committee on August 26, 2005, adopted the report (August 18, 2005) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, respecting the positive results of the survey conducted at Lakeshore Lodge by

the Canadian Council on Health Care Services Accreditation on June 19 to 21, 2005; and directed that it be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Community Services Committee received the communication (August 26, 2005) from the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged and congratulated the management, staff and volunteers of Lakeshore Lodge on this accreditation award.

(General Manager, Homes for the Aged – September 15, 2005)

Report 7, Clause 12(g)

6.12 Determining the Number and Services Needs of Homeless Persons Living on Toronto's Streets and in its Public Spaces

The Community Services Committee considered the following:

- (i) report (September 9, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, responding to motions made by the Community Services Committee at its June 29, 2005, meeting in considering the June 14, 2005, report from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration entitled "Determining the Number and Service Needs of Homeless Persons Living on Toronto's Street and in its Public Spaces".

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council support the implementation of a Street Needs Assessment initiative to determine the range of services needed to assist homeless people living on the streets and in public spaces find and keep permanent housing;
- (2) Council approve the five principles to govern the Street Needs Assessment initiative as outlined in Appendix A;
- (3) Council approve the Street Needs Assessment approach substantially as outlined in Appendix B;
- (4) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be delegated authority to finalize the operational details of the Street Needs Assessment initiative consistent with the principles in Appendix A and the approach substantially as outlined in Appendix B;

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- (5) in finalizing the operational details of the Street Needs Assessment initiative, the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, consider motions two to five on this subject from the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons;
 - (6) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be delegated authority to implement the Street Needs Assessment initiative in the spring of 2006;
 - (7) the General Manager, Shelter Support and Housing Administration, report on the findings of the Street Needs Assessment within three months of completing the initiative; and
 - (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- (ii) report (June 14, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, responding to Recommendation (10) of the report "From the Street into Homes: A Strategy to Assist Homeless Persons Find Permanent Housing" which requested staff to report on an appropriate method for determining the number and service needs of homeless persons on Toronto's streets and public spaces for City Council's July 19, 2005 meeting; and providing information about the number of outreach workers deployed by the City and City-funded agencies.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council support the five principles to govern the initiative to determine the number and service needs of homeless persons on the street and in public spaces as outlined in the report and the methodological approach substantially as outlined in Appendix B;
- (2) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration be delegated authority to finalize the operational details of the methodological approach substantially as outlined in Appendix B and implement the initiative to determine the number and service needs of homeless persons on the street and in public spaces;
- (3) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration report to City Council, through the Community Services Committee, on the results of

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the initiative in the first half of 2006; and

- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- (iii) communication (September 1, 2005) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, advising that the Advisory Committee on July 15, 2005, considered the report (June 14, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, referred to the Advisory Committee by the Community Services Committee on June 29, 2005, and recommending as follows:
- (1) that City Council's Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons advise Community Services Committee that it continues to be opposed to the proposed street count and needs assessment of homeless people because there is no consistent and reliable methodology that is able to produce useful results;
 - (2) that if City Council elects to proceed with the street count notwithstanding the advice of this Advisory Committee, then City staff be directed to fully develop the specific methodology in detailed consultation with the Advisory Committee, recognized academic experts, and community partners including people who are homeless or have experienced homelessness before proceeding with a count. Included in this consultation should be: the timing of the count, the specific methods, the key questions, presumptions regarding homeless status and service needs, and honorariums for participants;
 - (3) that Community Services Committee request that staff provide additional information on jurisdictions that have conducted street counts, specifically information on direct and concrete city outcomes in those areas including service enhancements, increases in funding for affordable housing, decreases in local opposition to social housing, increases to budget allocations for housing, and increases in shelter services and support;
 - (4) that Community Services Committee request a detailed staff analysis of the total budget and city resources including staff and community resources (City funded agencies) that it will take to carry out the street count;
 - (5) that City staff responsible for the assessment and count be requested to flesh out in detail how they intend to address the matter of counting those incarcerated on the evening of the count, particularly how individuals in remand custody will be reflected in the count and that they be asked to carry out the count in conjunction with an organization that understands discharge

planning issues, such as John Howard Society;

- (6) that in view of Councillor Pitfield's support for the count, that Councillor Olivia Chow be asked by members of the Advisory Committee to take carriage of this matter at Committee and Council; and
- (7) that these motions be communicated directly to all members of City Council; and
- (iv) communication (September 9, 2005) from James L. Robinson, Executive Director, and Megan Winkler, Operations Coordinator, Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area, and on behalf of the Street Outreach Steering Committee, expressing their strong support for the proposed street needs assessment.

John Wilson, Chair, Task Force to Bring Back the Don, addressed the Community Services Committee.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (September 9, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, subject to amending Appendix B by adding the following under the heading "Assessment Areas":

"(f) Include flood plain areas adjacent to watercourses."

Report 7, Clause 6

6.13 2004-2005 Audit Report on the Federal Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI)

The Community Services Committee considered a report (September 1, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, providing information regarding the 2004-2005 annual audit report of the federal Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) this report be received for information;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the next meeting of the Audit Committee for their information; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Community Services Committee received the report (September 1, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, and forwarded a copy to the Audit Committee for its information.

(Audit Committee; c: General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration – September 15, 2005)

Report 7, Clause 12(h)

6.14 Renewal of Partnership Agreement with United Way of Greater Toronto for the Toronto Enterprise Fund and Funding of 2005 Program

The Community Services Committee considered a report (September 1, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, recommending renewal of the partnership agreement between the City of Toronto and the United Way of Greater Toronto for a third three-year term beginning 2006; reporting on outcomes of the second phase (2003-2005); and requesting approval of funding for the 2005 program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be authorized to renew the Partnership Agreement with the United Way of Greater Toronto for a three-year period (2006-2008 inclusive), subject to annual funding approval through the City of Toronto budget process, for the purposes of delivering the Toronto Enterprise Fund;

- (2) Council approve an allocation of \$179,294.00 from the 2005 City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (CT-HIF) to the United Way of Greater Toronto, in its role as administrator of the funding program, which is the total balance owing for the 2005 program year; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (September 1, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration.

Report 7, Clause 8

6.15 Toronto Community Housing Corporation – Sale of One Social Housing Unit at 124 Kingston Road – Approval Under the City’s Shareholder Direction and the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000 (Ward 32 – Beaches-East York)

The Community Services Committee considered a report (August 30, 2005) from the City Manager and the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, recommending that approval be given to the Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) for the sale of one social housing unit at 124 Kingston Road (the “Property”), in accordance with the City’s Shareholder Direction and with the applicable project operating agreement; and for the authorization of the submission of a business case to obtain the Ministerial consent required by the relevant Transfer Order under the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the sale by the Toronto Community Housing Corporation of the property at 124 Kingston Road be approved by the City of Toronto, in its capacity as Shareholder, pursuant to section 6.3.1(b) of the Shareholder Direction, on condition that the net sale proceeds be applied to the replacement of the rent-geared-to-income housing unit, and any remaining proceeds be applied to generally assist with the funding of future residential property developments or acquisitions;

- (2) the temporary reduction of one rent-geared-to-income unit, be approved by the City of Toronto, in its capacity as Shareholder, pursuant to section 6.3.1 (c) of the Shareholder Direction;
- (3) the Toronto Community Housing Corporation report back to the Shareholder on the status of the replacement of the housing unit through its annual reporting required under the Shareholder Direction;
- (4) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be authorized to approve, on behalf of the City of Toronto, as Service Manager, the sale by TCHC of the Property at 124 Kingston Road required under the federal operating agreement (the "Operating Agreement") being administered by the City pursuant to the Social Housing Reform Act, 2000 (SHRA), subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (the "Minister");
- (5) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be authorized to submit a business case to the Minister to seek the Ministerial consent to the sale of the Property at 124 Kingston Road pursuant to restrictions contained in Transfer Order No. 22-4/2001 as amended (the "Transfer Order") made pursuant to the SHRA;
- (6) authority be given to the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, to amend or enter into any agreements and ancillary documentation deemed appropriate in connection with the sale of the Property on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration;
- (7) this report be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee for its consideration; and
- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Community Services Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (August 30, 2005) from the City Manager and the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration.

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Report 7, Clause 12(i)

6.16 Canadian Conference on Homelessness held at York University, May 17 to 20, 2005

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (September 1, 2005) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons, recommending that:

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Community Services Committee be requested to:

- (1) recommend that Toronto City Council adopt the Resolutions as passed; and
- (2) request a staff report on City resources needed to support the development of a local, community-based blueprint to end homelessness and that staff assigned to the preparation of this report be required to hold three consultation meetings with a group comprised of, but not limited to:
 - (a) Executive Director level membership from a local community agency;
 - (b) front-line worker level membership from a local community agency;
 - (c) General Manager level membership from Shelter, Support and Housing Administration and other relevant city program areas; and
 - (d) persons with direct experience of homelessness.

Roberto Verdecchia, Humanize Toronto, addressed the Community Services Committee; and filed a petition.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Community Services Committee:

- (A) recommended that:
 - (1) City Council support the resolution, as passed at the Canadian Conference on Homelessness, calling on all orders of government to work with community partners, faith groups, civil society institutions, the corporate and business sectors and others to develop, implement and support a plan to end homelessness in Canada;

- (2) the Mayor send a letter to the Chair of the Canadian Conference on Homelessness Co-ordinating Committee, outlining the City's support in principle for the Resolution and highlighting the numerous Council commitments which are consistent and compatible with the intent of the Resolution, including those in the "Streets to Homes" strategy, the creation of the Affordable Housing Office and the creation of the Affordable Housing Committee of Council; and that the letter be copied to all City Councillors and the appropriate provincial and federal ministers;
 - (3) in preparing for the next round of federal homelessness funding under the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI), the process of community consultation be broadly inclusive and include local agencies at both the Executive Director and front line worker levels, faith groups, persons experiencing homelessness, the corporate and business community and the public; and that the spirit and intent of the Resolution adopted at the Canadian Conference on Homelessness be incorporated into the consultation process and reflected as appropriate in the updated Community Plan for Homelessness;
 - (4) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, report to the Community Services Committee on appropriate time frames for the above plans and initiatives and
- (B) received the communication (July 15, 2005) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons.

Report 7, Clause 7

6.17 Appointment of Council Representative to Homes First Society Board of Directors

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (undated) from

Sean Goetz-Gadon, Special Housing Advisor, Mayor's Office, forwarding correspondence (June 20, 2005) from the Chair of Homes First Society requesting that City Council appoint a member of the Community Services Committee to be a member of the Homes First Society Board of Directors.

Barbara Caplan, Secretary, Board of Directors, Homes First Society, addressed the Community Services Committee, and filed a written submission.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Community Services Committee recommended that Councillor Olivia Chow, Trinity-Spadina, be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Homes First Society as an ex-officio member representing the City of Toronto.

Report 7, Clause 10

6.18 Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative (SCPI) Transitional Housing Contingency Fund Allocation to Ernestine's Women's Shelter (Ward 1 – Etobicoke North)

The Community Services Committee considered a report (September 9, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, requesting authority to allocate \$253,154.00 in SCPI Transitional Housing Contingency Fund monies and to enter into an amended SCPI Funding Agreement with Ernestine's Women's Shelter.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council approve up to \$253,154.00 SCPI 2003-2006 Transitional Housing Contingency Fund monies to be allocated to Ernestine's Women's Shelter towards the costs of developing a new building which is primarily provincially funded as substantially outlined in Appendix 1 of this report;
- (2) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be delegated authority to approve the use of the Contingency Fund monies approved in

Recommendation (1) under the criteria set out in Appendix 2;

- (3) the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, be granted authority to execute on behalf of the City an amendment to the SCPI Funding Agreement for the project to reflect the increase in funding of up to \$253,154.00 from the amount approved by the Council meeting of April 12, 13 and 14, 2005; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect to the foregoing.

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (September 9, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration.

Report 7, Clause 9

6.19 Use of Social Housing Reserve Funds for the Immediate Maintenance of Social Housing (including Toronto Community Housing Corporation)

The Community Services Committee considered a report (September 12, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, responding to a request of City Council that a report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee on the funding needed from the Social Housing reserve funds to provide immediate maintenance of social housing (including Toronto Community Housing Corporation) to ensure a state of good repair and that tenants are living in a safe and healthy environment.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) this report be received for information;
- (2) this report be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee for its information; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

This matter was considered with Item 23.

See Minute 6.23 for decision.

6.20 “Make Child Poverty History” Campaign

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (September 12, 2005) from Councillor Olivia Chow, Ward 20, Trinity-Spadina, forwarding a motion recommending that the City of Toronto endorse the United Nations Day for the Elimination of Poverty on October 17, 2005, and declare its support for the Make Poverty History’s goal to eliminate child poverty in Toronto and Canada.

On motion by Councillor Chow, the Community Services Committee recommended that City Council adopt the motion contained in the communication (September 12, 2005) from Councillor Olivia Chow, Trinity-Spadina.

Report 7, Clause 11

6.21 Request for Sole Source Purchase from Motorola Canada Inc. of 78 Discounted Smartzone Portable Radios to be Used by Fire Fighters

The Community Services Committee considered a report (September 15, 2005) from the Fire Chief and General Manager requesting Council approval for a sole source purchase of 78 Smartzone Portable Radios, discounted \$1,000.00 per radio, to ensure fire fighters attending incidents are equipped with a method of communication.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the sole source request for Motorola Canada Inc. in the amount of \$467,549.69 including P.S.T., for the purchase of 78 Smartzone portable radios, be approved; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Cowbourne, the Community Services Committee

recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (September 15, 2005) from the Fire Chief and General Manager.

Report 7, Clause 2

6.22 Recent Tragedy in New Orleans and Possible Amendments to the City's Emergency Plan

The Community Services Committee considered a communication (September 14, 2005) from Councillor Norm Kelly requesting that staff submit a report to the Community Services Committee on the following:

- (1) the preparedness of the City of Toronto Emergency Response Team to handle a catastrophe on a scale comparable to that of the New Orleans;
- (2) the ability of the City to respond when the capabilities of locally-based response teams have been compromised or eliminated; and
- (3) the lessons learned from SARS and asking if the City made any adjustments to the response plan in anticipation of the Asian flu virus.

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Community Services Committee requested the City Manager to submit a report to the relevant committees on the lessons that the City of Toronto can take away from the recent tragedy in New Orleans and proposing amendments to the present Emergency Plan, such report to cover the following points:

- (1) the preparedness of the City of Toronto Emergency Response Team to handle a catastrophe on a scale comparable to that of the New Orleans;
- (2) the ability of the City to respond when the capabilities of locally-based response teams have been compromised or eliminated; and
- (3) the lessons learned from SARS, and whether the City made any adjustments to its response plan in anticipation of the Asian flu virus.

(City Manager; c: Councillor Norm Kelly, Scarborough-Agincourt – September 15, 2005)

Report 7, Clause 12(j)

6.23 Toronto Community Housing Corporation – Request for \$5 million from City of Toronto Social Housing Stabilization Fund for urgent capital repair needs

The Community Services Committee considered the following:

- (i) communication (undated) from the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Community Housing Corporation, forwarding a report approved by the Toronto Community Housing Corporation's Board of Directors on September 12, 2005, and the associated resolutions of the Board, respecting the Toronto Community Housing Corporation's request for \$5 million from the City of Toronto Social Housing Stabilization Fund; and
- (ii) report (September 12, 2005) from the General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, responding to a request of City Council that a report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee on the funding needed from the Social Housing reserve funds to provide immediate maintenance of social housing (including Toronto Community Housing Corporation) to ensure a state of good repair and that tenants are living in a safe and healthy environment.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) this report be received for information;
- (2) this report be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee for its information; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Community Services Committee:

(I) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council:

- (1) endorse the recommendations of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation to access \$5 million from the \$36.62 million Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund to deal

with the urgent capital repair needs;

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (2) in order to enhance the quality of life and safety for the residents of Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC), delegate the City's authority to plan and build the necessary social infrastructure on TCHC lands to the Deputy City Manager and the Chief Executive Officer of TCHC; and

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

- (3) request the TCHC to study the feasibility of utilizing mobile cameras where necessary to monitor unsafe areas; and

(Motion by Councillor Cho)

- (II) requested the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee on Recommendation (1) above as soon as possible.

(Motion by Councillor Chow)

(Policy and Finance Committee; c: Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer; General Manager, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration – September 15, 1005)

This matter was considered with Item 19.

Also see Item 6.19

Report 7, Clause 12(k)

6.24 2005 Public Sector Quality Fair Awards

The Chair announced that various divisions had won awards at the 2005 Public Sector Quality Fair, as follows:

Shelter, Support and Housing Administration:

- Gold Award for Shelter Standards Quality Assurance Review;
- Bronze Award for the Seaton House-St. Michael's Hospitalization Initiative; and
- Bronze Award for the Case Management Model for City Operated Shelters;

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Homes for the Aged:

- Silver Award for Living Through a Home Renovation Stress Free for the Elderly: True Davidson Acres; and
- Silver Award for A Collaborative Behavior Support Program for Long-Term Care Homes at Castleview Wychwood Towers;

Toronto EMS:

- Bronze Award for the Toronto EMS Regional Advanced Care Paramedic Training Program;

Toronto Fire Services:

- Bronze Award for City of Toronto Fire Services Labour Management Partnership; and

Children's Services:

- Bronze Award for Computers for Children project (Agenda item 3).

The Community Services Committee congratulated staff on their achievements.

The Community Services Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Chair.